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In his report, Coburn spells out a 7 step plan for reducing wasteful Washington spending:

1. Eliminate programs that do not work;
2. Eliminate or consolidate duplicative programs;

3. Eliminate earmarks;
4. Implement stronger transparency measures;
5. Conduct more congressional oversight;
6. End automatic budget increases for federal programs; and
7. Establish independent and enforceable performance measures for every program.

To view Senator Coburn's report in full [Click Here](#) .